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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY

NOTIFICATION

The 3rd October, 2023

No. 6665.—In exercise of the powers conferred in Rule 90 of Punjab Minor Mineral Rules, 2013 notified under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Government of Punjab in pursuance to the current flood situation in the State of Punjab, allow the farmers to remove the sand deposits on agriculture fields on their own till 05.10.2023. However Office of District Mining Officers shall be intimated regarding the same by the farmer. All District Mining Officer shall follow the Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P) attached at Annexure "A".

This notification shall be valid till 05.10.2023.

-Sd/-

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Secretary to Government of Punjab

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**Standard Operating Procedure for removal of Earth by
Farmers and disposal of Earth by District Mining Officers
through Auction**

- The instructions shall be given to all the Farmers through various modes of communication (through DROS, Announcements through religious places, social media, etc) for removal of sand on their own, deposited in their respective fields.
- Farmers may remove the sand accumulated in their fields because of flooding in the state. Intimation of the same shall be given by Farmers to the concerned office of District Mining Officer.
- Office of District Mining Officer shall insure that no such removal takes place from any approved agriculture mine (CMS or PMS)
- Office of District Mining Officer shall insure that no illegal mining of minor minerals takes place in the garb of above notification.

- Any dispute arising out during the execution of this process be settled at the level of concerned Deputy Commissioner and his/her decision shall be bound to all the parties.
- Anyone found in violation of the above directions shall be considered as unlawful activity and shall be prosecute as per the provisions under the Mining Act or Mining Rules.

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